

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD
ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2015 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS**

MAYOR: Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. - Absent

COUNCILORS: Tonita Gurule-Giroñ-Mayor Pro Temp
Vincent Howell
Joey Herrera-Absent
David L. Romero

ALSO PRESENT: Elmer J. Martinez – City Manager
Casandra Fresquez – City Clerk
Dave Romero – City Attorney
Juan Montano – Sergeant at Arms

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ called the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ asked for a moment of silence to appreciate the snow and moisture we have been receiving and for good health through the winter months.

City Manager Martinez advised everyone that Mayor Ortiz, Jr. was absent due to attending the Legislative Session and also added that Councilor Herrera was not present due to work related matters. City Manager Martinez made note of Councilor Gurule-Giroñ taking on the duty of Mayor Pro Temp designated by Mayor Ortiz, Jr.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

City Manager Martinez recommended removing item #4 from the Consent Agenda due to Friends of the Library bringing a second agreement with substantial changes after the work session had already taken place and it would be brought in at a later date. City Manager Martinez also recommended removing New Business Item #9 to discuss several legal matters with the City Attorney.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń asked City Attorney Romero if he agreed with the recommendation of removing New Business Item #9 from the agenda.

City Attorney Romero informed Council that he agreed with the recommendation to remove New Business Item #9 based on the clarification of litigation verses a separate resolution by the Council.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the agenda with the recommended changes of removal of Consent Item #4 and to remove New Business Item #9. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

APPROVAL MINUTES

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve minutes for December 8th, December 17th, and December 22, 2014. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS

None at this time.

MAYOR'S RECOGNITIONS/PROCLAMATIONS

None at this time.

PUBLIC INPUT

None at this time.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Martinez reported that the meeting was being recorded and added that the system was not in service for the prior meeting due to working on conversions but noted that it was in proper working order thanks to IT Manager, Diego Trujillo.

City Manager Martinez stated to Council that Morrison Street has been an item that has been looked at by the City for some time regarding turning Morrison Street into a one way street. City Manager Martinez added that meetings took place with stakeholders including; O.L.O.S. Church, San Miguel County Court Personnel, engineers and City Staff concerning the recommendation for the project. City Manager Martinez advised that the recommendation was brought to the Development Review Team and they approved striping, parking and stop signs. City Manager Martinez explained that all the plans and materials needed are in hand to follow through with the project and advised that Miller Engineering recommended that the City moves forward with the project. City Manager Martinez advised that the Las Vegas Optic would be reached to provide public information before going ahead with the project.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giron asked if a traffic study was conducted.

City Manager Martinez explained that a traffic study was not performed, however a traffic count was completed and two engineers went to the sights and looked at sight view issues regarding the right hand and left hand turns going north on Morrison, parking issues and backing conflicts and determined that based on their analysis, it would be best to go with the one way, much like the set up used for the 4th of July Fiestas.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń expressed her disappointment in regards to no traffic study being conducted but asked if the traffic count included the actual school buses.

City Manager Martinez advised Council that buses were included in the traffic count. City Manager Martinez stated that there were additional proposals to work in that area and the schools were contacted and were present at DRT when these items were discussed. City Manager Martinez advised there was concurrence from the schools with the regards to the proposed changes.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń had questions and concerns regarding public input and outreach from the residents of Morrison and Valencia Streets with any concerns about the proposed changes.

City Manager Martinez explained that the information would be put out on the Las Vegas Optic for twenty two weeks before implementation and if any opposition would arise it would be brought back to the engineers to verify.

PRESENTATIONS

Fire Chief Phillip Mares made a presentation recognizing the following City of Las Vegas Fire Department employees on promotions and commendations

Mr. Billy Montoya from Lieutenant to Commander-14 ½ years of Service

Mr. Roberto Ortiz from Firefighter EMT to Lieutenant-7 years of Service

Mr. Caleb Marquez from Firefighter EMT to Engineer-3 ½ years of Service

Fire Chief Mares advised that a new tradition was taking place on promotions and added that the employees would be sworn in to their new positions.

City Clerk Fresquez swore in Billy Montoya, Roberto Ortiz and Caleb Marquez.

Fire Chief Mares also presented the Phoenix Award to Adrian Perea Firefighter EMT-B-1 ½ years of Service.

Fire Chief Mares recognized and commended Mr. Adrian Perea and his partner for responding to the aid of an unresponsive male on the West side of town and gave the care in order to save the life of this individual allowing him to survive and return home. Fire Chief Mares advised that Billy Montoya took part in nominating Mr. Perea for the Phoenix Award but added that Mr. Montoya would also be recognized at a later date for his part in helping in the event.

City Manager Martinez expressed his gratitude to the entire Fire Department for the services they provide for the community.

Ms. Lavinia Flores-Fenzi Executive Director of the Las Vegas San Miguel Chamber of Commerce and Industry gave a presentation in accordance with Contract #2973-14. Mr. Flores-Fenzi gave an overview on the status of the contract for the month of January 2015.

Ms. Fenzi-Flores explained that it has been challenging to work in the current building occupied due to plumbing and heating issues and added that it was recommended by the San Miguel County to find another building due to the fact that renovation costs would be too costly for their budget. Ms. Flores-Fenzi added that she was hopeful of finding another location in order to continue to provide services and to meet their contractual obligation.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń commended Ms. Flores-Fenzi for the dedicated work considering the circumstances and asked if she had shared the information with City Manager Martinez prior to the meeting.

Ms. Fenzi-Flores advised that the Chairman of the Board of Directors meets with the City Manager on a regular bases.

City Manager Martinez advised that he had not had the opportunity to review the deliverables in comparison with the contract and asked if he could be notified of the next Board Meeting.

Ms. Fenzi-Flores advised that a formal notice of meeting would be sent out.

Discussion took place regarding the by-laws of the representatives being voting or non-voting members.

Councilor Howell had questions and concerns on the number of members of the chamber of commerce before obtaining the city contract.

Ms. Fenzi-Flores gave a brief overview of the professional services provided for both businesses and for the community and advised that the total of members would be approximately eighty two and assured Council that a listing of members prior to December would be provided to them.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń thanked Ms. Fenzi-Flores and City Manager Martinez for re-instating the Chamber of Commerce and thanked council for their consensus and support to the Chamber of Commerce.

FINANCE REPORT

Finance Director Ann Marie Gallegos presented the Finance Report ending December 31, 2014 collecting forty six percent of revenues for the General Fund due to the inconsistencies of property taxes coming in but is right on target at fifty percent for the month of January and expenditures for the General Fund were at forty seven percent.

Councilor Howell had questions on the expenditures for the airport.

Finance Director Gallegos clarified the expenditures were due to hiring a half time employee to assist the Airport Manager.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń had questions on the Intergovernmental revenue funds and on the General Services expenditures.

Finance Director Gallegos explained the Intergovernmental Funds were for the Motor Vehicle License Division which came in higher than anticipated and explained that the General Services expenditures went to Insurance payments and were higher due to the reason of being paid ahead of time.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that the Recreation Department revenues and expenditures both came in at forty one percent.

Councilor Howell asked what the final turnout was for the Fitness Challenge at the Recreation Department and advised that he had joined and commended Recreation Department Staff for a job well-done regarding the challenge.

City Manager Martinez advised there were one hundred and six people who joined the Fitness Challenge.

Finance Director Gallegos added that Ms. Martin was very enthusiastic with Department Heads in challenging them to join and that she is searching for different ways to generate additional revenue for the Recreation Department.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń had a question on how the Recreation Department was being subsidized at this time due to the department not bringing in the expected revenue.

Finance Director Gallegos advised that the General Fund Transfer of \$450,000.00 was approved by Mayor Ortiz, Jr. and Council at the beginning of the year was available as the subsidy for the Recreation Department.

Finance Director Gallegos reported that the Enterprise Funds revenue was at forty five percent, stating that natural gas would increase because of the cold winter months and the water consumption increase this month in comparison to the same month last year and expenditures came in at forty two percent.

Discussion took place regarding the revenue increase for the Solid Waste Department and the detailed process of Budget Adjustments pertaining to rate increases.

Councilor Howell requested an analysis of the dollar amount accumulated from water rate increases for the year 2014.

Finance Director Gallegos advised Council that she would meet with Utilities Director Garcia and generate a report for 2014 and would be brought to the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

City Clerk Fresquez read the consent agenda Business Items into the record to include Business Items one, two, three, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten.

1. Approval of Resolution#15-03 Budget Adjustment Resolution.

Resolution #15-03 was presented as follows:

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MUNICIPALITY OF CITY OF LAS VEGAS
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT RESOLUTION NO. 15-03

WHEREAS, The Governing Body in and for the Municipality of Las Vegas, State of New Mexico has developed a budget for fiscal year 2015; and

WHEREAS, said budget adjustments were developed on the basis of an increase in revenues and expenditures, transfers in/or out in various funds; and

WHEREAS, increase/decrease in revenues, expenditures, transfer in, and transfers out to be funded by additional grant funds for the purposes of providing advertising and promotional services to promote tourism, to be funded by additional grant funding, local funds, and;

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas is in need of making adjustments to the 2015 fiscal year budget;

WHEREAS, it is the majority opinion of this Council that the budget adjustments meet the requirements as currently determined for fiscal year 2015;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas passes this budget resolution for budget adjustments, **PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF JANUARY, 2015.**

Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

Cassandra Fresquez, City Clerk

REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY ONLY:

Dave Romero, City Attorney

2. Approval of Resolution #15-02 Supporting the Tri-County (San Miguel, Mora and Guadalupe) Adult Reintegration Center.

Resolution #15-02 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

RESOLUTION NO. 15-02

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR TRI-COUNTY (SAN MIGUEL, MORA AND GUADALUPE) ADULT REINTEGRATION CENTER

The primary purpose of the Northern New Mexico (NNM) Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Team is to promote health equity and health in all policies. The Northern New Mexico HIA Team is in the final stages of completing a study on the benefits of a reintegration center which will enhance the quality of life through the improvement of the health, welfare, and safety of all residents.

WHEREAS, New Mexico has the highest rate of drug-induced deaths in the country and alcohol-related chronic disease in all three counties is higher than the state average; and

WHEREAS, the Northern New Mexico Counties suffer from high rates of alcoholism, suicide, domestic violence and recidivism; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence involving alcohol is higher in San Miguel County than the State average; and

WHEREAS, the characteristics and rate of recidivism at the San Miguel County Detention Center is much higher than the national rate. The negative effects on physical and mental health of detainee and family with statistics showing children of incarcerated parents are twice as likely to be incarcerated themselves; and

WHEREAS, research shows that six of ten prison and jail inmates meet criteria for a substance use problem; and

WHEREAS, individuals with behavioral health addiction issues must wait for long periods of time before attaining access to support services; and

WHEREAS, the lack of access to support services is a barrier to recovery and prevention of recidivism; and

WHEREAS, lack of health care, job skills, education, and stable housing further increase the risk of recidivism; and

WHEREAS, poor connection with community behavioral health providers negatively affects a high portion of the incarcerated group, as well as public safety; and

WHEREAS, the U.S Department of Justice says that, for every dollar the community invests in the reintegration center, three dollars is saved in the community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas strongly supports the establishment of a Tri-County Reintegration Center that will provide services necessary to help incarcerated persons become self-reliant and productive citizens, and improve overall community well-being.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2015

3. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Las Vegas and Comedor De San Pascual, Inc.

5. Approval of Resolution #15-04, a resolution Re-Adopting the State and Federal Procurement Code.

Resolution #15-04 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

RESOLUTION NO. 15-04

A RESOLUTION RE-ADOPTING THE STATE AND FEDERAL PROCUREMENT CODE

WHEREAS; the purpose of this resolution is to adopt regulations to define the general and specific requirements of the Procurement Code; and

WHEREAS; the City of Las Vegas is a Home Rule Charter and as such has the opportunity to maintain its own Procurement Code or adopt the State of New Mexico and Federal Procurement Code; and

WHEREAS; the Governing Body may adopt regulations through resolution or ordinance to affect the powers and duties granted to municipalities by state law; and

WHEREAS; the Governing Body is adopting both the State of New Mexico and Federal Procurement Code; and

WHEREAS; the City of Las Vegas will follow the more stringent of the codes in accordance with any State or Federal laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED THAT the City Council, the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, that the Procurement Codes attached hereto are the purchasing processes to be utilized by all employees of this municipality in the procurement of tangible personal property, services and construction.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2015.

6. Approval of Resolution #15-05 a resolution approving a Fair Housing Policy. Resolution #15-05 was presented as follows:

CITY OF LAS VEGAS

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION WITH REQUIRED ELEMENTS

Resolution No. 15-05

A resolution of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Las Vegas, adopting a fair housing policy, making known its commitment to the principle of fair housing, and describing actions it shall undertake to affirmatively further fair housing.

WHEREAS; the Housing and Community Development act of 1974 as amended requires that all applicant for Community Development Block Grants funds certify that they shall affirmatively further fair housing; and

WHEREAS; the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (commonly known as the Federal Fair Housing Act) and the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 declare a national policy to prohibit discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing and financing of housing or land to be used for the construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services, on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status or national origin; and

WHEREAS; fairness is the foundation of the American system and reflects traditional American values; and

WHEREAS; discriminatory housing practices undermine the strength and vitality of America and its people;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE RESOLVED THAT the Mayor and City Council of the City of Las Vegas hereby wish all persons living, working, doing business in or traveling through this city to know that: discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, and financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing, or in the provision of brokerage services on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the Fair Housing Act Amendments of 1988; and that it is the policy of the City of Las Vegas to implement programs, within the constraints of its resources, to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin; and within available resources the City of Las Vegas will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against in housing issues on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin to seek equality under existing federal and state laws to file a complaint with the New Mexico Attorney General's Office or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and that the City of Las Vegas shall publicize this Resolution and thereby encouraging owners of rental properties, developers, builders and others involved with housing to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Fair Housing Amendments Act

of 1988 and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances; and that the City of Las Vegas shall undertake the following actions to affirmatively further fair housing:

1. mailing copies of this resolution to the real estate community, banks, developers, community organizations and local media
2. posting copies of this resolution at identified locations
3. and distributing flyers

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE Mayor and City Council of the City of Las Vegas

_____ on this _____ day of _____.

7. Approval to Award request for bids #2015-12 to Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC and enter into agreement for liquid aluminum sulfate for the Water Treatment Plant.

8. Approval to Award request for bids #2015-13 Landfill Corrective Measures and Closure Project to New Image Construction.

9. Approval of repealing Encroachment Agreement #2925-14; recognizing and maintaining the prescriptive right of sidewalk easement.

10. Approval to designate Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr. to be the lead lobbyist during the 2015 Legislative Session.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve consent agenda as read into the record. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval to Adopt Ordinance #14-11 amending Ordinance #12-18 authorizing the City of Las Vegas to enter into a

grant/loan agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department to obtain Wastewater construction loan funding.

Councilor Howell made a motion to go into public hearing. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Attorney Dave Romero asked all who wished to speak on the issue to stand and to be sworn in. Ken Garcia was sworn in.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that on December 17, 2014 Council approved publication of Ordinance 14-11. This grant loan is for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, modifying and otherwise improving the Wastewater facilities of the City of Las Vegas joint water and wastewater conveyance and treatment system or sewage plant sludge handling modifications. On November 21, 2014 an interim loan agreement was signed by NMED and the City of Las Vegas for an additional \$190,000 in grant funding to complete the project. Therefore the Ordinance is amended to reflect the additional funding.

Councilor Howell made a motion to accept the record proper. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to close public hearing. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to Adopt Ordinance #14-11 amending Ordinance #12-18 authorizing the City of Las Vegas to enter into a grant/loan agreement with the New Mexico Environment Department to obtain Wastewater construction loan funding. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Due to the length of Ordinance 14-11, a complete copy may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval of application requesting a Transfer of Ownership for Plaza Hotel LVNM, LLC, DBA Plaza Hotel/Plaza Bar/Plaza Saloon/Plaza Ballroom located at 230 Plaza Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701, License #0086.

Councilor Howell made a motion to go into public hearing. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Attorney Romero asked all who wished to speak on the issue to stand and be sworn in. Casandra Fresquez and Allan Affeldt were sworn in.

City Clerk Casandra Fresquez stated that zoning and publication requirements had been met and recommended approval of the application requesting a transfer of ownership of liquor license for Plaza Hotel LVNM, LLC.

Councilor Howell made a motion to accept the record proper and to close public hearing. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the application requesting a Transfer of Ownership for Plaza Hotel LVNM, LLC, DBA Plaza Hotel/Plaza Bar/Plaza Saloon/Plaza Ballroom located at 230 Plaza Street, Las Vegas, New Mexico 87701,

License #0086. Councilor Gurule-Giroń and Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell took the opportunity to congratulate Mr. Affeldt on the ownership of the license.

2. Conduct a Public Hearing and Approval/Disapproval to Adopt Ordinance#14-12 amending the Official Zoning Map from a Residential Agricultural Zone (RA) to a Mixed Residential Zone (R-3) for property located at 300 South Commerce Street.

Councilor Howell made a motion to go into public hearing. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Attorney Romero asked all who wished to speak on this issue to stand and be sworn in. Benito Lujan and Ken Garcia were sworn in.

Zoning/Licensing Supervisor Benito Lujan advised that on November 24, 2014, the Las Vegas Planning & Zoning Commission considered an application submitted by Interim Community Director Matt Griego for an amendment to the Zoning map. The proposed amendment would change the Block known as 300 South Commerce Street from an RA to an R-3, which would bring all properties in compliance with the proper zoning.

Councilor Howell asked for clarification on the Residential Agricultural Zone.

Zoning/Licensing Supervisor Lujan gave a brief overview of the requirements that needed to be met in order to be re-zoned to an R-3.

Councilor Howell made a motion to accept record proper. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to reconvene into regular session. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Councilor Howell made a motion to Adopt Ordinance #14-12 amending the Official Zoning Map from a Residential Agricultural Zone (RA) to a Mixed Residential Zone (R-3) for property located at 300 South Commerce. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Ordinance #14-12 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, CITY COUNCIL
ORDINANCE NO. 14-12**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FROM AN RA (RESIDENTIAL AGRICULTURAL ZONE) TO R-3 (MIXED RESIDENTIAL ZONE) FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE 300 BLOCK OF SOUTH COMMERCE AS REQUESTED BY MATT GRIEGO INTERIM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR (APPLICANT/PETITIONER).

WHEREAS, Interim Community Development Director Matt Griego has applied for an amendment to the official zoning map for properties located at 300 Block of South Commerce, pursuant to provisions of the Las Vegas City Zoning Ordinance, and;

WHEREAS, on November 24, 2014 the City of Las Vegas Planning and Zoning Commission, following adequate public notice, held a public hearing to receive testimony concerning the amendment of the Official Zoning Map to re-zone the properties located at the 300 Block of South Commerce Street from an RA (Residential Agricultural Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone), and on November 24, 2014 adopted a motion recommending approval of the proposed amendment.

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2015, the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, following adequate public notice, held a public hearing to receive testimony concerning the recommendations of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, hereby **GRANTS** the amendment to the Official Zoning Map by re-zoning and changing the district classification of certain properties located at the 300 Block of South Commerce Street from an RA (Residential Agricultural Zone) to an R-3 (Mixed Residential Zone), and more fully described as follows: for approximately 17 properties located within the Lorenzo Lopez Addition to the City of Las Vegas.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the Governing Body of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico, hereby adopts the following findings of fact upon which the Council's decision is based:

1. The boundaries of the zones established by the City's Ordinances, the classification of property herein, or other provisions of said Ordinances may be amended whenever public necessity, convenience, or general welfare require.
2. That duly public notice and public hearings were in accordance with the legal requirements and a site plan for the zone change has been provided which is acceptable to the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2015.

Mayor Pro Temp asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

3. Approval/Disapproval of Amendment#2 to the Souder, Miller & Associates contract for the Raw Water Conveyance Project.

Utilities Director Garcia advised that Amendment #2 is for the Planning and Design of the Raw Water Conveyance Project. The project is planned to include

replacement of the existing Raw Water Conveyance pipeline between the Diversion and the Bradner Inlet/Outlet. The project will include site work, control valves, air relief valves and connections.

City Attorney Romero initiated the discussion of matters regarding modifications to the contract with Souder, Miller & Associates pertaining to the language in the contracts which would allow the City of Las Vegas to retain gross receipts tax. City Attorney Romero requested from Council to submit the additional language regarding the amended proposed contract.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ stated that it was advisable that any information should be received within seventy-two hours prior to the meeting, and noted that the information was not received in the required time. Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ explained to City Attorney Romero that he never discussed the changes with City Manager Martinez who submitted the item. Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ advised that the modifications would change the entire scope of the contract and asked City Manager Martinez for his opinion on whether or not to proceed with the Business Item in question.

Discussion took place regarding several issues on the modifications on the contract and the subject of time constraint was also discussed.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ expressed her concern about violating the Open Meetings Act regarding the seventy two hour notice not being given. Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ requested the opinion of City Clerk Fresquez pertaining to the seventy two hour notice.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that if there is a substantial change to the contract, notice of changes would be required.

City Manager Martinez advised he had several concerns regarding the public notice requirements, the substantial changes to the contract and the deadlines for the project.

City Attorney Romero recommended approving Business Item #3 as is, without the modifications suggested by him.

City Manager Martinez stated that he would have to disagree with the City Attorney's suggestion and advised that the item should be continued and brought to a Special Meeting.

Councilor Howell made a motion to have a continuance Business Items #3 based on City Attorney's changes and Business Item #6 for a Special Meeting. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giron asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Vincent Howell	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

4. Approval/Disapproval of Open Meetings Resolution #15-01.

City Clerk Casandra Fresquez advised that Resolution #15-01 Establishes Reasonable Notice of City Council Meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. Approval of the Resolution is required annually.

City Clerk Fresquez advised that at the request of Council at the last Work Session Meeting was to add changes to the Open Meetings Resolution, which were the additions of Campaign and Ethics Board and the Charter Commission.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve of Open Meetings Resolution #15-01 with the amended changes. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution #15-01 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 15-01**

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING REASONABLE NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; RESCINDS AND REPLACES ALL PREVIOUS CITY OF LAS VEGAS RESOLUTIONS REGARDING "REASONABLE NOTICE OF CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT."

Whereas, Section 10-15-1 (B) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to 10-15-4) provides that, except as may be otherwise provided in the New Mexico Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings or a quorum of members of any board,

council, commission, administrative adjudicatory body or other policy-making body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such body are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

Whereas, any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs and at which a majority of a quorum of the body is in attendance, and any closed meeting shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

Whereas, Section 10-15-1 (D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the City council to determine at least annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO, THAT;

1. **Regular Business Meeting.** Pursuant to Section 14-7 (A) of the Municipal Code, all Regular Business Meetings of the Las Vegas City Council shall be held on the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1700 North Grand Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico. The agenda will be available at least seventy-two hours prior to the meetings from the City Clerk whose office is located at the George Arellanes Municipal Complex, 1700 North Grand Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico. Notice of said meetings shall be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation one (1) time, at the beginning of the calendar year; and shall be telephoned, e-mailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice. If a regular meeting is postponed, notice of the new time and date of said meeting may be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation; and shall be telephoned, emailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice at least seventy-two hours to the specific time of the meeting or at the earliest date and time possible. If the date and time of the Regular meeting permanently changed, the new date and time shall be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation twice, one (1) week apart.

2. **Work Sessions.** Work Sessions shall be held for the purpose of examining issues, but no official action may be taken on the second Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 1700 North Grand Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico. The agenda will be available at least seventy-two hours prior to the work session from the City Clerk whose office is located at the George Arellanes Municipal Complex, 1700 North Grand Avenue, Las Vegas, New Mexico. Notice of said work session shall be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation one (1) time, at the beginning of the calendar year; and shall be telephones, e-mailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice. If a work session is postponed, notice of the new time and date of said work session may be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation; and shall be telephoned, emailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice at least seventy-two hours prior to

the specific time of the meeting or at the earliest date and time possible. If the date and time of the work session is permanently changed, the new date and time shall be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation twice, one (1) week apart.

3. Other Meetings Not Regularly Scheduled. Special meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members of the City Council by giving notice to each member of the Council, personally served or left at his/her usual place of residence seventy-two hours prior to the meeting. Notice of said special meeting may be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation at least seventy-two hours before the meeting date or on the earliest date possible prior to the date of the meeting. Notice of said special meeting shall be telephoned, emailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice for public announcement at least seventy-two hours prior to the specific time of the meeting or on the earliest date possible prior to the time of the meeting.

4. Emergency Meetings. Emergency meetings shall be called only under unforeseen circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The City Council will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members upon notice as practical under the circumstances. If time permits, notice of said meeting may be printed in a newspaper(s) of general circulation on the earliest date possible as soon as the meeting is called. If time permits, notice of said meeting shall also be telephoned, emailed or faxed to broadcast stations licensed by the federal communications commission and newspapers of general circulation that have provided a written request for such notice for public announcements on the earliest date and time possible prior to the time of the meeting. The notice for emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.

5. All notices shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how members of the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. The agenda shall be available to the public at least seventy-two hours before any meeting or at the earliest possible time in case of emergency meetings. The City Council may be flexible on agenda postings under considerable circumstances.

6. The City Council may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is exempt for the open meetings requirement pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act.

(a) If any meeting is closed during an open meeting, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the City Council taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closure and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion for closure and the vote on closure of each individual member shall be recorded in a closed meeting.

(b) If the decision to hold closed meeting is made when the City Council is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity is given to the members and to the general public.

(c) Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.

(d) Except as provided in NMSA Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussion in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the City Council in an open meeting.

7. The regular scheduled meetings of the City of Las Vegas' Advisory Boards, Committees, Boards and Commissions are as follows:

- Planning & Zoning Commission/Board of Adjustments – Last Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;
- Design Review Board – 3rd Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;
- Lodger's Tax Advisory Board – (Quarterly) 2nd Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;
- Extra-Territorial Zoning Authority – Last Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;
- Extra-Territorial Zoning Commission – 3rd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;
- Las Vegas Youth Commission – 3rd Tuesday of the month at 12:00. – City Council Chambers
- Library Board – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – Carnegie Library;
- Finance Committee – Tuesday prior to the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. – City Council Chambers
- Utilities Committee – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. – Utilities Department;
- Public Housing Authority Board of Commissioners – 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. – City Council Chambers;

- Housing Committee – Last Wednesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. – Housing Department;
- Film Commission – 1st Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. – City Council Chambers;
- Museum Board – 2nd Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m. – Las Vegas Museum & Rough Riders Memorial Collection;
- Recreation Committee – 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:00 p.m. – Recreation Center;
- Senior Advisory Committee – 2nd Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. – Public Works Department;
- Tree Board – Last Tuesday of the month at 3:00 p.m. – Tierra Y Montes Conference Room;
- Labor Management Relations Board – Meeting will be scheduled and published as required by ordinance, rules and regulations;
- Campaign and Ethics Board – Meeting will be scheduled and published as required;
- Charter Commission – Meeting will be scheduled and published as required;

This Resolution shall be published in a newspaper(s) of general circulation twice, one (1) week apart after its adoption.

Done this ____ day of _____ 2015.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency Only:

Dave Romero, City Attorney

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

5. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution #14-69 authorizing the purchase of a Utility easement and real property from Floyd's Rental Center Inc.

Utilities Director Ken Garcia advised that the City is installing an effluent water system that will supply water to Hanna Park. The purchase of the roadway between Floyd's Rental Center and the Las Vegas Recreation Center, half the entrance to the Recreation Center as well as the purchase of an easement through Floyd's Rental Center property is needed to obtain the easement for the installation of the effluent water line between N. Grand Ave. and the effluent water line at the NMHU golf course.

City Manager Martinez advised that Councilor Herrera disclosed the information of having ties to an employee from Floyd's Rental Center by way of being related to his girlfriend.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve Resolution #14-69 authorizing the purchase of a Utility easement and real property from Floyd's Rental Center Inc. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution #14-69 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 14-69**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF AN EASEMENT (2,850 SQ FT) AND A PORTION OF PROPERTY (14,696 SQ FT) OWNED BY FLOYD'S RENTAL CENTER, INC. DESCRIBED AS LOT 1 OF SECOND DIVISION OF ABANDONED US HWY 85, LAS VEGAS LAND GRANT, LAS VEGAS, SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO. WD BOOK 237, PAGE 8991 FILED MARCH 23, 2001. LOT 1 PLAT BOOK 37, PAGE 136. SAID TRACT CONTAINS 9.790 ACRES (426,454.4 SQ FT).

WHEREAS, Floyds Rental Center, Inc. is the record owner of a certain parcel of land at 1801 N. Grand Ave, Las Vegas New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico desires to purchase a roadway and an easement from Floyds Rental Center, Inc; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Las Vegas desires to purchase the land.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS that:

1. The City of Las Vegas is authorized to enter into the purchase agreement with Floyds Rental Center, Inc. for the easement and roadway, for appraised value, being described as a portion of Lot 1 of Second Division of Abandoned US Hwy 85, Las Vegas Land Grant, Las Vegas, San Miguel County, New Mexico, and filed with San Miguel County Clerk, Plat Book 37, Page 136.
2. The Survey of said property to be completed prior to completion of the Purchase agreement.
3. Acting City Manager, Elmer J. Martinez is authorized to execute documents necessary to complete the sale and transfer of the subject property.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroń asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroń	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

City Manager Martinez added that Councilor Herrera also informed of having no financial interest in the project.

7. Approval/Disapproval of Resolution #15-07 Endorsing efforts to maintain the Southwest Chief Passenger service between Lamy/Santa Fe, New Mexico and Newton, Kansas.

City Manager Martinez advised that the Southwest Chief, one of Amtrak's premier passenger trains, serves southwestern Colorado, western Kansas and northern New Mexico. Amtrak provides a gateway to tourists from the west coast and Midwest and most importantly provides a transportation link to the citizens of Northern New Mexico.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve Resolution #15-07 Endorsing efforts to maintain the Southwest Chief Passenger service between Lamy/Santa Fe, New Mexico and Newton, Kansas. Councilor Romero seconded the motion.

Resolution #15-07 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS
RESOLUTION NO. 15-07**

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN THE SOUTHWEST CHIEF PASSENGER SERVICE BETWEEN LAMY/SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO AND NEWTON, KANSAS

WHEREAS, the Southwest Chief, one of Amtrak's premier passenger trains, serves southwestern Colorado, western Kansas and northern New Mexico as it lays between Chicago and Los Angeles on the host railroad line of Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF); and

WHEREAS, eastbound and westbound trains stop at Las Vegas daily and have in past years served over 636,350 passengers (63,630 local travelers and 572,510 out-of-state travelers); and

WHEREAS, the Chief and its famous predecessors (such as the Santa Fe Railroad's fabled "Super Chief") have served this route since the late 1880's and

WHEREAS, the train has consistently held the best on-time record for Amtrak's long distance trains and the train is ranked among the best Amtrak earners; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has added an additional coach to the train in 2010 due to increased demand; and

WHEREAS, the train is a key economic contributor in the past years the fiscal impact has been approximately \$500 million with \$68.7 million in lodging, \$85.9 million food/beverage, \$52 million miscellaneous retail direct/indirect impact of visitors spending not only to Northern New Mexico, but also serves as a transportation link to New Mexico, the Southwestern states and the national route from Eastern to Western United States; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak provides a gateway to tourists from the west coast and Midwest, and most importantly Amtrak provides a transportation link to the citizens of Northern New Mexico that is of growing importance and will likely become critical as our citizens age and rising energy prices curtail the attractiveness of driving and flying; and

WHEREAS, the route of the Southwest Chief through Northern New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas is being threatened and the estimated cost to replace after abandonment would be in the billions of dollars where track replacement is estimated at \$1 million per mile; and

WHEREAS, Burlington Northern Santa Fe wants Amtrak to pay the costs of improvement and the maintenance costs for the route; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak estimates this could amount to \$200 million over ten years including \$94 million at the front-end to bring the line back up to standards across the three states; and

WHEREAS, Amtrak has indicated that it would like to undertake this improvement because the route is scenic and well traveled, but current fiscal circumstances may impact its ability to do so; and

WHEREAS, in past years the tax impact has been approximately \$29 million with \$19.1 million in gross receipt taxes, hotel taxes \$13.4 million, property tax: Santa Fe County \$2.3 million, San Miguel County amount to be provided, Mora County \$1.4 million and Colfax County \$2.6 million and there are other developments, (i.e. the Elk River Coal Mine) that would generate three Burlington Northern Santa Fe coal trains weekly in the next several years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The City of Las Vegas calls upon all members of the Congress to support continuation of the Amtrak Southwest Chief route.
2. The City of Las Vegas calls upon the members of the legislature of the State of New Mexico to support continuation of Amtrak Southwest Chief route.
3. The City of Las Vegas calls upon the Governor of the State of New Mexico to support continuation of the Amtrak Southwest Chief route.
4. The City of Las Vegas calls upon representatives of Amtrak and Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) to strongly endorse continuation of the Amtrak Southwest Chief route
5. The City of Las Vegas endorses the continuation of the Amtrak Southwest Chief route.
6. The City of Las Vegas recommends that all community and civic leaders throughout the states of Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico to connect with each other and their colleagues so that the three states can coordinate their efforts to protect the route of the Southwest Chief.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of ____, 2015.

Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

Approved as to Legal Sufficiency Only:

Dave Romero, City Attorney

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David L. Romero	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

8. Approval/Disapproval of City Manager's recommendation on appointment of a Community Services Director.

City Manager Martinez advised that in accordance with the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico Municipal Charter Section 5.07 (C) The City Manager shall appoint department directors, subject to the approval by the Governing Body. The position was advertised, and interviews were conducted for the Community Services Director.

City Manager Martinez recommended Phillip Ortiz for the position of Community Services Director and advised that he was well qualified for the position.

Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ took the opportunity to thank City Manager Martinez and City Clerk Fresquez for their hard work in the hiring process and congratulated and welcomed Phillip Ortiz to the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Howell made a motion to approve the City Manager's recommendation on the appointment of Community Services Director to Phillip Ortiz. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giroñ asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Tonita Gurule-Giroñ	Yes	David L. Romero	Yes
Vincent Howell	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.

Mr. Phillip Ortiz expressed his gratitude to Council, City Manager and City Clerk for the opportunity and advised he was looking forward to working for the City of Las Vegas.

City Manager Martinez thanked all the applicants who had applied for the position and thanked the staff who helped in the hiring process.

COUNCILORS' REPORTS

None at this time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

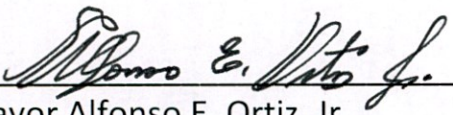
City Manager Martinez advised there was no need for Executive Session.

ADJOURN

Councilor Howell made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Romero seconded the motion. Mayor Pro Temp Gurule-Giron asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

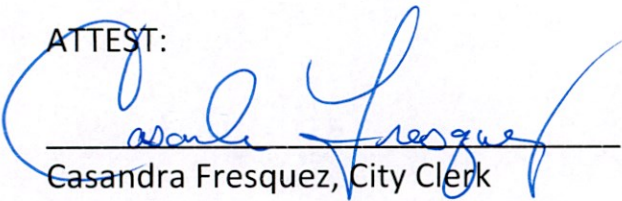
Tonita Gurule-Giron	Yes	Vincent Howell	Yes
David L. Romero	Yes	Joey Herrera	Absent

City Clerk Fresquez re-read the motion and advised the motion carried.



Mayor Alfonso E. Ortiz, Jr.

ATTEST:



Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk